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Departments of Public Social Services and Health Services contributed more than \$100,000 and \$90,000, respectively. A complete list of County donations by department will appear in the next issue of the Workplace Connection newsletter.

"County Day at Dodger Stadium" on Sunday, April 23, was a major highlight of the annual campaign. Janssen threw out the first pitch, which was caught by DPSS

Director Bryce Yokomizo. Other honorary team members included Dr. Bruce Chernof, Department of Health Services, Dennis Tafoya, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance, Patricia Bautista, DPSS, Nora Pardo, DHS, and Ana Gaona and Victoria Pipkin-Lane, CAO Workplace Programs.

March of Dimes Los Angeles scheduled its annual awards ceremony for late August at Universal Studios. Results were unavailable at presstime.

## Calendar of Events

### *Coordinators' Training Charitable Giving*

Thursday, Sept. 7, 8:30 a.m.  
Room 739, Kenneth Hahn HOA

### *LA County Fair*

Sept. 10, 12 Noon  
Pomona Fairgrounds

### *Charitable Giving 2005 Awards Ceremony*

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m.  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Room 381-B, Kenneth Hahn HOA

## County Merchandise Available Online

**A**re you looking for a nice retirement gift for your fellow employee? Do you have family members and friends who would love to have a County polo or t-shirt, lapel pin or business card holder?

Visit <http://cao.lacounty.gov> and click on Workplace Programs. There are no set store hours. You can shop 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Fill out the form and mail it with your check to CAO Workplace Programs, 500 W. Temple St., Suite B-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012.



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## County of Los Angeles 2006 Charitable Giving Campaign *Caring is Giving*

A teenager at-risk, low-income families in need, literacy programs, health care initiatives...these are just some of the ways your charitable giving donations are used. Sign-up today and donate at least \$5 per month through payroll deduction. It's easy and it will help children and families across the County.

For more information about the 2006 Charitable Giving Campaign, please contact your departmental coordinator or the CAO Workplace Programs Office at

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## Supervisor Molina, CNN's Larry King Tour LAC+USC Site

**S**upervisor Gloria Molina and CNN's Larry King toured the new LAC+USC Medical Center under construction prior to announcing a major partnership between the hospital, King's Cardiac Foundation and COPE Health Solutions.

In January, the Board of Supervisors approved the three-year partnership in which patients who are uninsured or have little money may receive state-of-the-art cardiac treatments at no charge. The foundation provides patients with critical cardiac devices, such as stents, implantable pacemakers, implantable cardioverter defibrillators and heart valves free of charge.

To date, more than 20 patients have benefited from the partnership. "We hope to serve between 75-100 patients at LAC+USC by the end of this year," said Larry King, Jr., president of The Larry King Cardiac Foundation. "By working with the team at LAC+USC, we are supporting their efforts to care for a large population of the underserved," he added.

"There's no greater war than the



Photos by Martin Zamora

*Clockwise from top, the new LAC+USC Medical Center, under construction, was the setting for a recent announcement of a partnership between the hospital and the Larry King Cardiac Foundation and HOPE Health Solutions. Talk show host Larry King toured the facility, while Dr. Enrique Ostrzega of cardiology, Dr. Ismael Nuno and Dr. Jeffrey Huffman, senior associate dean for clinical affairs in the Keck School of Medicine, listen to the announcement; and Supervisor Gloria Molina commends LAC+USC medical personnel, including Dr. Ostrzega, Dr. Anil Mehra and Dr. Nuno.*

war being fought in this hospital everyday," said King, commending the work of physicians, nurses and other health-care personnel at LAC+USC.

Dr. Bruce Chernof, director,

Department of Health Services, Dr. Jeffrey Huffman, senior associate dean, Keck School of Medicine, and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa also participated in the VIP tour.



CAO David E. Janssen, second from right, received a Top Walker March of Dimes award for 2005 from Mayor Michael D. Antonovich during a Board meeting in March. Also attending were Ana Gaona, left, County Team Leader, and Victoria Pipkin-Lane, director, CAO Workplace Programs, which manages the annual fundraiser.

## County Exceeds \$300,000 Goal for 2006 March of Dimes Campaign

**W**ith approximately \$315,000 already turned in to the March of Dimes, County employees have exceeded their goal of \$300,000 for the 2006 County of Los Angeles WalkAmerica campaign, announced Chief Administrative

Officer David E. Janssen, Chair.

"I commend the department coordinators for a job well-done," said CAO Janssen. "Their hard work and dedication have made this a very successful campaign. These funds will be used in the ongoing fight against birth defects and premature births."

Janssen, who personally raised more than \$10,000, remains among the Top Five Walkers in the County. The

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## Charitable Giving Campaign Theme: "Caring Is Giving"

The 2006 County of Los Angeles Charitable Giving Campaign officially will start on Thursday, September 7, with the training session for departmental coordinators.

"Caring is Giving" is our theme for the annual fundraising drive that provides funding to community-based organizations helping children and families in need, said Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen, Chair. Campaign partners are the five, Board approved fund distribution agencies—United Way, Brotherhood Crusade, Asian Pacific Community Fund, Earth Share of California and the United Latino Fund.

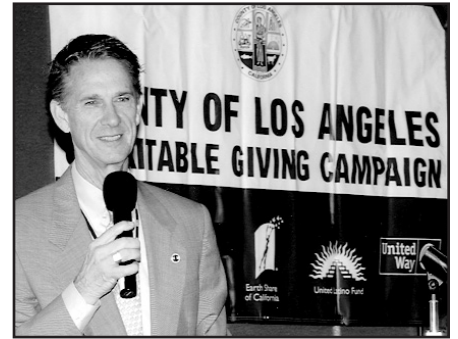
Mayor Michael D. Antonovich is Honorary Chair. Co-Chairs are Bryce Yokomizo, Department of Public Social Services; Dr. Bruce Chernof,

Department of Health Services; and Conny McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

"The campaign hopes to increase the number of County payroll deduction contributors," according to the Board of Supervisors motion, authorizing the drive.

Last year, County employees contributed more than \$1 million to the charitable giving campaign. These funds were used to sponsor health and human services for low-income families and to provide programs targeting at-risk children and teenagers.

For more information, please contact your departmental charitable giving coordinator or the CAO Workplace Programs Office at (213) 974-2619.



Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen will again Chair the County's annual charitable giving campaign, which funds community-based organizations working with families and children in need. All monies raised are distributed to the five, fund distribution agencies approved by the Board of Supervisors—United Way, Brotherhood Crusade, Asian Pacific Community Fund, Earth Share of California and the United Latino Fund.

## AIDS Walk Set For October 15

AIDS Walk Los Angeles, a fundraiser to support programs that assist people living with HIV and AIDS, will be held Sunday morning, October 15, beginning in West Hollywood.

"We all must do our part to change the course of the epidemic," said Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen. "Last year County employees donated nearly \$20,000 to the AIDS Walk.

The 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) walk will benefit AIDS Project Los Angeles and other AIDS service organizations throughout the County of Los Angeles. A County team is being formed to walk

on Oct. 15. Individual employees are encouraged to sign-up now and obtain sponsors. For more information, please contact the CAO Workplace Programs office at (213) 974-2619.

## AAHC Invites New Members

The County's African American Heritage Celebration Committee is conducting an open membership campaign for interested County employees.

AAHC sponsors an annual celebration of Black History Month. Employees may sign up with Cynthia Machen, Chair, at (213) 974-8399.

## Yaroslavsky Urges Driver Safety

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky is featured in a new interactive DVD on Metro Orange Line traffic safety, which has been distributed to more than 30,000 residents within a mile radius of the San Fernando Valley's popular new transitway.

"It is important for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians to pay attention to all traffic signs and signals when approaching the Orange Line intersections," he said. "We want to ensure the safe operation of 60-foot Metro buses through 36 intersections along the 14-mile route between North Hollywood and Woodland Hills," said Supervisor Yaroslavsky.

The DVD also provides information on where to park and ride the Metro Orange Line, as well as directions and entry points for accessing parking lots. Approximately 1,000 copies have been sent to nearby schools, libraries and community groups.

For a free copy of the DVD, please contact Metro Community Relations at (213) 922-4050. Metro Orange Line information is available at [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net).



The 8th annual Diamond Awards were presented recently by the MTA. The "Innovative Rideshare Program" award went to the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association, a first-time recipient. Accepting on behalf of LACERA are Tina Young, second from left, and Rosalind White, center. Retired CAO/Workplace Programs staff member Dorothy Mosley, second from right, received a special Diamond Award recognizing her outstanding service as the manager of the Civic Center Employee Transportation Coordinators. Joining in the presentation are Craig Hirakawa, left, Assistant Director, CAO Workplace Programs, which manages the County's Rideshare program, and Blanca Duarte, right, who is the new manager of the Civic Center Employee Transportation Coordinators.

## Supervisor Molina Named Chair of MTA Board

**S**upervisor Gloria Molina is the new Chair of the 13-member Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors, effective July 1.

"Los Angeles is at a quality-of-life crossroads, facing a multitude of challenges, including too much traffic and gas prices that are putting a serious strain on the budgets of all people—working families in particular," said Supervisor Molina.

"As Chair of the MTA, I will make sure our growing network of trains and buses and the services that help make our freeways and roads less congested move aggressively forward," she said, adding "we will continue to build this network through projects such as the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension and the Metro Rapid buses."



Employees of the Internal Services Department did their part for cleaner air by signing up for "Bike to Work" Day on May 18. Using their pedal power are, from left, Bruce Pattison, George Crum, Yancy Almodovar, Jeff Luna, Marty Ortiz and Don Nishimoto. Some of the employees rode up to 15 miles one way to the Downey worksite.

## Rideshare Fair Set October 15 For Civic Center

**T**he Civic Center Clean Air/Rideshare Fair will be held on Thursday, October 12, 11 a.m. in the Mall of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple St., in downtown Los Angeles. All employees are invited to attend. Clean air, hybrid and fuel-efficient vehicles will be on display. Opportunity drawings will be held.

## Charisse Bremond Takes Over as Brotherhood Crusade President/CEO

**C**harisse Bremond grew up believing that helping underserved communities was the right thing to do.

Her father, Walter Bremond co-founded the Brotherhood Crusade with former director Danny Bakewell in 1968. The goal was to raise funds for community-based programs that were unable to obtain support from traditional funding sources.

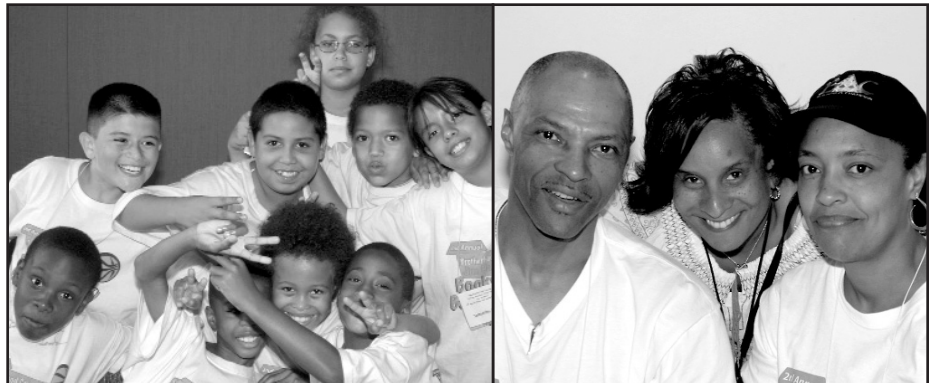
"My heart has always been with the organization," said Ms. Bremond. "I have come full circle, from being a staff member to now leading the organization as president and chief executive officer."

She plans to "continue the Brotherhood Crusade mission."

The non-profit organization created a business development and capital fund, the African American Unity Center and Mothers in Action, among other agencies.

Recent community activities include the Second Annual Jim Clemons Books and Basketball Camp held at the Exposition Park Intergenerational Center and "Back to School Day," sponsored by Mothers in Action.

More than 100 students participated in science, financial literacy, personal development and basketball skills classes held as part of the camp, while thousands of children received free school supplies and immunizations in preparation for returning to school.



At left, Local children enjoy "Back to School" day held at Exposition Park. Charisse Bremond, president of the Brotherhood Crusade, thanks Coach Jim Clemons, Los Angeles Lakers Assistant, and Cheryl Clemons for their support of the Brotherhood Crusade's programs.

The Brotherhood Crusade is one of five, fund distribution agencies approved by the Board of Supervisors to receive contributions from County employees through payroll deduction. The annual charitable giving campaign is now underway.

Employees interested in donating to the Brotherhood Crusade may sign up for payroll deduction with their department coordinator, or by contacting the CAO Workplace Programs Office at **(213) 974-2619**.

## LA County Day Set for Sept. 10 at LA County Fair

**S**unday, Sept. 10, is "L.A. County Day" at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, featuring a parade at 12 Noon starting at Building 4 and going by the clock tower. A County race will begin at 2 p.m. inside the racetrack.

Admission is free.

Discount tickets to the fair are available from CAO Public Information (213) 974-1311. Parking is \$8. L.A. County Fair opens at 10 a.m. and also includes an Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.